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State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Drinking Water

January 24, 2019

System No. 1000310

Steven Ray, Forest Engineer
USFS Pinehurst Work Center
1839 S. Newcomb Street
Porterville, CA 93257

CITATION NO. 03-23-19C-017 TOTAL COLIFORM MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL VIOLATION FOR November 2018

Enclosed is Citation No. 03-23-19C-017 (hereinafter "Citation"), issued to the USFS Pinehurst Work Center (hereinafter "Water System"), public water system. Please note that there are legally enforceable deadlines associated with this Citation.

The Water System will be billed at the State Water Resources Control Board's (hereinafter "State Water Board"), hourly rate for the time spent on issuing this Citation. California Health and Safety Code, (hereinafter "CHSC"), Section 116577, provides that a public water system must reimburse the State Water Board for actual costs incurred by the State Water Board for specified enforcement actions, including but not limited to, preparing, issuing and monitoring compliance with a citation. At this time, the State Water Board has spent approximately one hour on enforcement activities associated with this violation.

The Water System will receive a bill sent from the State Water Board in August of the next fiscal year. This bill will contain fees for any enforcement time spent on the Water System for the current fiscal year.

Any person who is aggrieved by a citation, order or decision issued under authority delegated to an officer or employee of the state board under Article 8 (commencing with CHSC, Section 116625) or Article 9 (commencing with CHSC, Section 116650), of the Safe Drinking Water Act (CHSC, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4), may file a petition with the State Water Board for reconsideration of the citation, order or decision.

Petitions must be received by the State Water Board within 30 days of the issuance of the citation, order or decision by the officer or employee of the state board. The date of issuance is the date when the Division of Drinking Water mails a copy of the citation, order or decision. If the 30th day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition is due the following business day by 5:00 p.m.

Information regarding filing petitions may be found at:

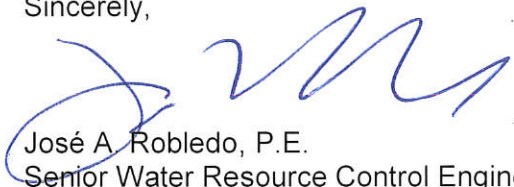
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265 West Bullard Avenue, Suite 101, Fresno, CA 93704 | www.waterboards.ca.gov

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/petitions/index.shtml

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mariadela Hurtado-Brown of my staff at 559-447-3300.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JAR', is written over the printed name.

José A. Robledo, P.E.
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Enclosures

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

Name of Public Water System: USFS Pinehurst Work Center

Water System No: 1000310

Attention: Steven Ray, Forest Engineer
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Porterville, CA 93257

Issued: January 24, 2019

CITATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH
CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE, SECTION 116555(a)(1) AND
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22, SECTION 64426.1

TOTAL COLIFORM MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL VIOLATION
NOVEMBER 2018

The California Health and Safety Code (hereinafter "CHSC"), Section 116650 authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board (hereinafter "State Water Board"), to issue a citation to a public water system when the State Water Board determines that the public water system has violated or is violating the California Safe Drinking Water Act (hereinafter "California SDWA"), (CHSC, Division 104, Part

12, Chapter 4, commencing with Section 116270), or any regulation, standard, permit, or order issued or adopted thereunder.

The State Water Board, acting by and through its Division of Drinking Water (hereinafter "Division") and the Deputy Director for the Division, hereby issues Citation No. 03-23-19C-017 (hereinafter "Citation"), pursuant to Section 116650 of the CHSC to the USFS Pinehurst Work Center Water System (hereinafter "Water System"), for violation of CHSC, Section 116555(a)(1) and California Code of Regulations (hereinafter "CCR"), Title 22, Section 64426.1.

Applicable statutes and regulations can be found at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/Lawbook.html

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Water System is classified as a transient - noncommunity public water system with an approximate population of 30, serving 18 connections. The Water System operates under Domestic Water Supply Permit No. 03-23-16P-002 issued by the State Water Board on January 21, 2016.

CHSC, Section 116555(a)(1) requires all public water systems to comply with primary drinking water standards as defined in CHSC, Section 116275(c). Primary drinking water standards include maximum levels of contaminants and the monitoring and reporting requirements as specified in regulations adopted by the State Water Board that pertain to maximum contaminant levels.

CCR, Title 22, Section 64426.1, Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level (hereinafter "MCL"), states that a public water system is in violation of the total

1 coliform MCL if it collects fewer than 40 bacteriological samples per month and if
2 more than one sample collected during any month is total coliform-positive.

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4 The Division received laboratory results for eight bacteriological samples, collected
5 during November 2018 from the distribution system and from Wells 03 and 04 of
6 the Water System. All samples were analyzed for the presence of total coliform
7 bacteria. Four of the distribution samples tested positive for total coliform bacteria.
8 None of the total coliform positive samples showed the presence of *Escherichia coli*
9 (*E. coli*) bacteria.

10 DETERMINATION

11 The Water System took fewer than 40 bacteriological samples during November
12 2018. The results of four samples were total coliform positive in November.
13 Therefore, the State Water Board has determined that the Water System has failed
14 to comply with drinking water standards pursuant to CHSC, Section 116555(a)(1)
15 and CCR, Title 22, Section 64426.1 during November 2018. Public Notification and
16 a Level 1 Assessment are required.

18 DIRECTIVES

19 The Water System is hereby directed to take the following actions:

- 20 1. The USFS Pinehurst Work Center water system shall provide public
21 notification of November's coliform contamination by posting the notice
22 provided as Attachment A in conspicuous locations throughout the area
23 served by the water system.

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25 By **February 28, 2019**, the Water System shall provide proof of public
26 notification of the total coliform MCL violation for November 2018 by
27 completing Attachment B and returning it via email to:

28 dwpdist23@waterboards.ca.gov
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2. By **February 28, 2019**, Water System shall complete and submit the enclosed "Level 1 Assessment" form to the Division that describes the incident, the results of an investigation and all corrective actions taken. The appropriate template is provided as Attachment C.

All submittals required by this Citation shall be electronically submitted to the State Water Board at the following address. The subject line for all electronic submittals corresponding to this Citation shall include the following information: Water System name and number, citation number and title of the document being submitted.

dwpdist23@waterboards.ca.gov

The State Water Board reserves the right to make modifications to this Citation as it may deem necessary to protect public health and safety. Such modifications may be issued as amendments to this Citation and shall be effective upon issuance.

Nothing in this Citation relieves the Water System of its obligation to meet the requirements of the California SDWA (CHSC, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with Section 116270), or any regulation, standard, permit or order issued or adopted thereunder.

PARTIES BOUND

This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon the Water System, its owners, shareholders, officers, directors, agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assignees.


SEVERABILITY

The directives of this Citation are severable, and the Water System shall comply with each and every provision thereof notwithstanding the effectiveness of any provision.

FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The California SDWA authorizes the State Water Board to: issue a citation or order with assessment of administrative penalties to a public water system for violation or continued violation of the requirements of the California SDWA or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted thereunder including, but not limited to, failure to correct a violation identified in a citation or compliance order.

The California SDWA also authorizes the State Water Board to take action to suspend or revoke a permit that has been issued to a public water system if the public water system has violated applicable law or regulations or has failed to comply with an order of the State Water Board, and to petition the superior court to take various enforcement measures against a public water system that has failed to comply with an order of the State Water Board. The State Water Board does not waive any further enforcement action by issuance of this Citation.



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1/24/19

Date

Attachments [3]

- A. Public Notice
- B. Proof of Public Notification
- C. Level 1 Assessment form

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